

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2554 – HB 3418

April 18, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (017190, 016776): Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) to promulgate rules and regulations prohibiting gang activity on school grounds. Requires all LEAs to annually conduct a study to determine the threat and prevalence of gang activity in their schools. If a substantial threat is found, then the LEA is required to conduct gang awareness and prevention classes for elementary and middle school students. These courses shall be a part of the regular curriculum in LEAs that find a substantial threat from gang activity in their schools.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Gov't. Expenditures – Not Significant/Permissive

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Increase State Expenditures - \$14,000/One-Time

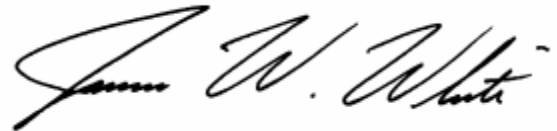
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- Cost to the Department of Education (DOE) to assist LEAs with curriculum development is estimated to be \$14,000. These costs will include travel for a curriculum team of LEA teachers and outside consultants, printing, and communications.
- According to the DOE, LEAs will teach these courses with existing personnel. Any cost to local education agencies is estimated to be not significant.
- Amendment 016776 required that gang curriculum be taught by a certified school counselor. Amendment 017190 removed this requirement, deleting a local expenditure estimated to exceed \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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